

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
July 6, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, John R. French, Jr., Morgan Laidlaw, and Martin Cates. Also present were members of the press and public.

ABSENT: Town Manager Roberta Smith and Town Attorney William Kelly.

Contents

1. Public input on non-agenda items.

- a. Board member Martin Cates congratulated Dan Bookham, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the phenomenal and dynamic events they sponsored over the 4th of July weekend.
- b. Chairperson Grove also thanked the Camden Rotary Club for the wonderful live music they sponsored.

2. Approval of Board Minutes of May 18, 2010 and June 1, 2010.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Board minutes from May 18, 2010 and June 1, 2010 Board Minutes as submitted. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

3. Approval of the financing of the Rawson Avenue Pump Station upgrade with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

John French made a motion as follows:

- (1) that the Town hereby irrevocably pledges that user fees, rates, assessments, and other charges of the Town for the payment of the principal of the Bond and the interim note, if any.*
- (2) That the Treasurer and Chair are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such loan agreements with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank as the Maine Municipal Bank may require.*
- (3) That the Town officers and officials are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and certificates, and to take any and all actions, including affixing the seal of the Town as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the full purport and intent of the foregoing authorizations, or any one of them.*

Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

4. Consideration of request of Mid-Coast Search & Rescue for training on July 31st on town property. The Board considered a request from Mid-Coast Search and Rescue for permission to hold a training session at the Barrett's Cove Ledges off Route 52 on July 31, 2010.

Mid-Coast Search and Rescue Director Clarence Spady, stated trainers from New Jersey will provide the local team, mostly comprising emergency medical technicians, with training in mountain rescue methods. Spady said the trainers had offered to do the educational program at no charge and any costs would be funded through his group's efforts. No town funds would be needed. He said insurance for the training would be covered under the state's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Risk Management Program.

John French made a motion to approve the request of Mid-Coast Search & Rescue for training on the ledges at Barrett's Cove off Route 52 contingent on the organization providing a certificate of insurance for liability naming the Town of Camden as additional insured. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

5. **Approval of bid award for a new police cruiser.** Only one bid was received from Quirk Auto in Augusta.

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to award the bid for a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria to the low bidder, Quirk Auto for \$22,790. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-1-0 vote. (French opposed)

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to authorize the Police Department to sell the 2007 Chevrolet Impala Police Cruiser for the best offer. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. **Appointment of the members to the Board of Assessment Review, Camden Conservation Commission, Camden Housing Committee, Camden Rockport Pathways Committee, Cemetery Association, CEDAC, Energy Committee, Harbor Committee, Historic Resources Committee, Megunticook Dams Committee, Opera House Committee, Parking Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.** The Board made reappointments and appointments to the following committees and boards:

Board of Assessment Review

John French made a motion to reappoint Robert Armstrong as a regular member and appoint Jeff Dodge as a new member with terms to expire June 2013. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on 5-0-0 vote.

Camden Conservation Commission

Deborah Dodge made a motion to reappoint Douglas N. Johnson as a regular member with a term to expire June 2013. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Camden Housing Committee

John French made a motion to reappoint Dana Strout and Joanne Campbell and appoint Ed Libby as a new member with terms to expire June 2013. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee

Deborah Dodge made a motion to reappoint Lisa Lattes as a regular member and appoint Anita Brosius-Scott and Richard Stetson as new regular members with terms to expire June 2013; and reappoint Donna Ames as an alternate member with a term to expire June 2011. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Cemetery Association

John French made a motion to reappoint Parker S. Laite, Sr. and Isa Babb as regular members with terms to expire June 2013. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Community Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC)

John French made a motion to reappoint Peter Gross, Ellis Cohn, and Don Abbott as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; appoint Rick Bates as a new regular member with a term to expire June 2012; reappoint Steve Crane as an alternate member; and appoint Mike Tyler and Maura Kelly as new alternate members with terms to expire June 2011. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Energy Committee

Deborah Dodge made a motion to reappoint Des Fitzgerald and Sidney Lindsley as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; reappoint Jeff Lewis as an alternate member and to appoint Brian Robinson as a new alternate member with terms to expire June 2011. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Harbor Committee

Deborah Dodge made a motion to reappoint Ben Ellison and Richard Stetson as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; and reappoint Ben Cashen and Kenneth Kooyenga as alternate members with terms to expire June 2011. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Historic Resources Committee

Deborah Dodge made a motion to reappoint Mark DeMichele and Sonia Spalding as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; and reappoint Abigail Fitzgerald as alternate member with a term to expire June 2011. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Megunticook Dams Committee

John French made a motion to reappoint Richard Knowlton and Ed Libby as regular members with terms to expire June 2011 and reappoint Richard Stetson as an alternate member with a term to expire June 2011. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Opera House Committee

John French made a motion to reappoint Susan Dorr and Raymond Brunyanszki as regular member with terms to expire June 2013. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Parking, Traffic & Transportation Committee

John French made a motion to reappoint James Heard and Jan MacKinnon as regular members with terms to expire June 2013. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Parks & Recreation Committee

John French made a motion to reappoint Brian Robinson and Sharon Gilbert as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; and to reappoint Duncan Matlack as an alternate member and appoint Ed Libby as a new alternate member with terms to expire June 2011. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Planning Board

Martin Cates made a motion to reappoint Jan MacKinnon as regular member with a term to expire June 2015; and reappoint Sidney Lindsley and Nancy McConnel as alternate members with terms to expire June 2011. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals

John French made a motion to reappoint George Wheelwright and Leonard Lookner as regular members with terms to expire June 2013; and reappoint Linda Norton as an alternate member with a term to expire June 2011; and appoint Jean Belair as a new alternate member with a term to expire June 2011. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 7. Consideration of the request to close the middle block of Pearl Street from Willow Street to Park Street on Saturday, July 17th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm for their annual block party.**

John French made a motion to approve the request to close the middle block of Pearl Street from Willow Street to Park Street on Saturday, July 17th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm for their annual block party. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 8. Consideration of application of Christina Sidoti, d/b/a Paolina's Way at 10 Bay View Landing for a renewal victualer license.** The Board considered the renewal application for a victualer's license. This application has been approved by the Codes Officer and the Life Safety inspection has been completed by the Fire Department.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the application of Christina Sidoti, d/b/a Paolina's Way at 10 Bay View Street for a victualer license. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 9. Public Hearing on the following liquor license applications:** These applications have been reviewed and approved by the Police Department. There were no incidents reported to the Police Department over the past year for items a & b. Items b & c were tabled until the July 20, 2010 Select Board meeting.

- a. Application of Terrence & Annette Hazzard, d/b/a Blue Harbor House at 67 Elm Street for a Class V Spirituous, Vinous, Malt Liquor License.**

- b. Application of Linda Bean, d/b/a Linda Bean's Perfect Maine Lobster Roll at 11 Main Street for Class III Vinous and Class IV Malt Liquor License.**
- c. Application of Quarterdeck, Inc. d/b/a Cuzzy's at 21 Bay View Street for a Class XI Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License. (Tabled to July 20, 2010)**
- d. Application of Christopher Cousins, d/b/a Cuzzy's at 21 Bay View Street for a Special Amusement Permit. (Tabled to July 20, 2010)**

Chairperson Grove read the rules and regulations for conducting public hearings in preparation of the public hearings to be held this evening.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any proponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any opponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove closed the public portion of the hearing, no Board discussion followed.

John French made a motion to approve the licenses as listed in items a and b above. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

10. Approval of application of Vernon Lee Thompson for a Taxicab Operator's license.

The Police Chief has reviewed and approved the application.

John French made a motion to approve the application of Vernon Lee Thompson for a Taxicab Operator's License. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

11. Reappointment of the Town Manager for the ensuing year, pursuant to Article II of the Town Charter.

John French made a motion to reappoint Roberta Smith as Town Manager pursuant to Article II of the Town Charter through July 1, 2011. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

12. Reappointment of the Town Attorney for the ensuing year, pursuant to Article IV of the Town Charter.

John French made a motion to reappoint William Kelly as the Town Attorney pursuant to Article IV of the Town Charter through July 1, 2011. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

13. Vote for candidates to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

John French made a motion to vote for Rosemary Kulow of Rockland to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

14. Ragged Mountain Recreation Area update. Rick Knowlton, John Scholz, Molly Mulhern, and Morton Strom came before the Board and presented an overview of the status of the RMRA project. They also shared with the Board the most recent plans and renditions for the project.

As soon as it can be assembled there will be a booklet of information compiled and provided to the Select Board and made available on the Snow Bowl website or by email to anyone who requests it. It will contain: the RMRA Sustainability Plan and Projected Budgets, Master Site Plan, Lodge Plans and Renditions, an Updated Project Budget, the Lodge Marketing Analysis, the Horizons Engineering Feasibility Study and other items. They are working to having this completed in the next couple of weeks. They will be more than happy to come to any future Select Board meetings to address questions raised by the documents.

On Tuesday, July 27 at 5:30 PM there will be an Open Community Update to be held in the Camden Opera House. Stephen Blatt, the lodge architect, will be on hand to present the lodge design.

A series of large and small fundraising events are also being planned beginning later this month and in August as the community phase of the fundraising efforts begin.

Board members expressed concern about the anticipated size of the building. Rick Knowlton stated the scale and amenities of the proposed lodge building reflect plans to make the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area a four-season facility. Their emphasis is still on providing a community building that will be available for public functions.

Board member Dodge asked if the rural area in which the Snow Bowl is located was appropriate for a year-round resort and the sort of events it would encourage and if more summer events would have to be planned to bring in the revenue to justify such a big building.

She wondered if this will fit in that neighborhood where people have engaged in peaceful summers for many years.

John Scholz said he agreed that designers had to be careful in balancing current use and future needs but the existing infrastructure was no longer working. This new facility needs to be sold to the people; they have to decide on improved lifts and the nice lodge that supports that.

Board member Dodge also expressed concern with the committee asking people to contribute money before creating a business plan and market study. She feels that information should be available before you start asking people for money.

Rick Knowlton said the committee is relying on information from a long-range feasibility report provided by Horizons Engineering in 2006 and the ski area concept plan that same company provided in 2008. They feel confident that the business for the size and the pricing are still where we started. The booklet they are compiling will confirm the 2007-2008 data.

RMRA Committee member John Scholz stated that Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Kuller has analyzed the uses and potential uses of the Snow Bowl facility and feels he needs a

building of that size with the proposed amenities including air conditioning. The Director will need to decide how the building and surrounding recreation area should be used.

At the request of the Select Board the Committee will place posters of the plans to be placed in the town office windows prior to the July 27 meeting. He said other drawings and plans are available on Camden Snow Bowls website at www.camdensnowbowl.com.

15. Committee Reports:

Camden Conservation Commission: Morgan Laidlaw reported that about 10 people showed up for the work day on Saturday, July 10th for the Tannery Riverwalk. They will be having a community brainstorming session on Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Washington Street Conference Room.

CEDAC: Martin Cates reported they listened to a presentation from Lorraine Francis who is the Director of Rockland Main Street to start discussing and determining if we want to investigate to the next level about a Main Street program. This type of program is a partnership of residents, businesses and local government that enhance and protect the unique sense of place and economic vitality for downtown districts.

At 9:15 pm a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary